

## 2003-04 WorkFirst Local Area Planning - Innovative Project Funding Request

Name of project: Two parent household workshop\_ Request Amount: \$5,000 ☐ Innovative Project yes\_\_\_

Local Planning Area: Spokane/Lincoln LPA\_\_\_\_\_

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Project period start/end date(s): 12/03-3/04\_\_\_\_\_

### **Funding to be used for:**

x ☐ Project: Start/End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Software: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Staff Training: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this project involve Business Outreach, WorkFirst/WorkSource, and/or employers? x ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, please indicate whether or not your local Business Outreach Team is involved in the project and what their role is.)

\_\_\_\_\_ No, they are not involved.

The focus of Innovative Project Funding is to support WorkFirst partnership, program performance, and potential "Best Practices" through innovation. All project requests will be reviewed and approved by an interagency committee. There will be a 2-week turn around on request approvals once received. Approvals will come in the form of an email to the LPA lead submitting the request.

All requests require:

- A two-page (maximum) narrative addressing the questions below.
- Partnership signatures.
- A complete budget page.
- Approved projects will be required to complete an end of the project report.
- **Final billing must be submitted to Kelly Lindseth prior to Friday, June 25, 2004.**

Additional information maybe requested in order to approve your project. LPAs may submit multiple requests throughout the program year or until funding is exhausted.

1.	<p>Describe your project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does this project support overall WorkFirst performance goals– caseload reduction, TWI, other?</li> <li>• How many persons will be served through the project and what is the expected outcome?</li> <li>• If additional resources will be used to support this project, where will they come from?</li> </ul>
	<p>We anticipate caseload reduction based on engagement or termination of two parent households. We anticipate approximately 400 cases (800 adults) we be served and our expected outcome is the same as above. A review of the SW CSO's two parent household showed that over 50% of the two parent households were in sanction status and several of those households both parents were not participating in WorkFirst. This project will include all CSOs in Spokane as well as Lincoln County. Partners will contribute to the workshops free of charge (in-kind contribution); facility and transportation costs will be absorbed by partner agencies.</p>
2.	<p>What makes this project innovative?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What unserved need is to be addressed and for what specific population?</li> <li>• What is the project overall design?</li> <li>• What is the desired outcome?</li> <li>• Who will this project focus on – clients, staff, contractors, employers, other?</li> <li>• Should this project prove successful, what is your strategy to support beyond this initial funding?</li> <li>• How will you measure the success of this project?</li> </ul>
	<p>We are trying to do some workshops that will engage two parent households in WorkFirst. From an analysis of this population, they have lowest participation rate in all of WorkFirst and the highest sanction rate. We haven't been able to engage this population through our conventional processes. We hoped to turn this around by focusing the many resources of the partner agencies on this group. We plan to provide a two day workshop that provides information on family planning; IDA resources; community jobs, work keys assessments; purchasing drug/alcohol and/or mental health assessments; LD; family violence, position parenting, child support etc. The project will focus on two parent households in Spokane and Lincoln county. We are planning to provide a separate workshop for LEP household with the same agenda items. If the project is successful, we plan to look into WorkFirst support services and contract monies to fund semi-annual compressed version of the workshop. The project will be measured by reducing the</p>

	number of two parent households with increased wages.
3.	Partnerships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are the partners that will be involved in the project?</li> <li>• If there are new partners involved in this project, which are they and what is their role?</li> <li>• Are other resources being used to support this project, if so, from where?</li> <li>• How will this project strengthen your existing partnership?</li> </ul>
	All partners plus contract providers. No new partners anticipated at this time and no other resources. It will strengthen our partnership positively by a total collaborative effort.

Additional Comments/Thoughts:

Please email this form and/or mail or FAX it with all Local Area Planning partner signatures to:

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